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Edenburgh, Sept. 22.

THis day the Privy-Council being met, such of the Lords as were present, took the Test appointed by the late Act of Parliament, and made an Act of Council; ordaining all Privy Counsellors not now present to take the same, before they be admitted to act as Counsellors: and that all Persons, taking the same, either before the Council, or any other Judicatory, shall do it upon their knee, repeating the words.

His Royal Highness, His Majesties High Commissioner, and the Privy-Council, appointed the Earl of Balcarra to be Colonel of the Militia Regiment in Fife, lately Commanded by the deceased Duke of Rothes: and the Lord Burnt-Island, to be Colonel of the Regiment, lately Commanded by the Earl of Weems, deceased.

Edenburgh, Sept. 24. The Acts passed in the last Parliament being now published, we send you that against Assassinations, and the other for Asserting the Kings Jurisdiction, which, (of those you have not already had,) are of the most general Concern.

An Act against Assassinations.

THe Kings most Excellent Majesty considering, that notwithstanding Assassination be a crime of a high nature, inconsistent with, and wholly destructive to all humane Society; yet such are the pernicious Principles and wicked Practices of several Persons, that they do assert and maintain those villanous, impious and horrid Doctrines and Principles: Therefore His Majesty, with Advice and Consent of the Estates of Parliament, doth Statute and Ordain, That not only all such Persons who shall Assassinate, but that all who shall maintain or assert, that it is lawful to kill any Man upon difference in Opinion, or because they have been employed in the Service of the King, or of the Church, as it is presently established by Law, shall incur the pain of Treason, and be punished by Tinsel of Life, Lands and Goods: And the remembering with horror the execrable Murder of that most Reverend and Worthy Prelate, JAMES, late Archbishop of St. Andrews (who deserved so well of this Church and Monarchy, for his eminent Service to both) Do Ordain the Sheriff of Fife and his Deputes, to make weekly Searches in those places where it is, or may be suspected those Assassins do reside; that they be brought to Justice, and exemplarily punished. And likewise Ordain all other Sheriffs and Magistrates, upon information that those Assassins are within their bounds, to make search for, and apprehend them, that they may be brought to Justice. And do hereby Ratify the former Acts of Council, against such as shall resist those Murders.

An Act asserting His Majesties Prerogative in the point of Jurisdiction.

THe Estates of Parliament considering, that all Government and Jurisdiction within this His Majesties antient Kingdom of Scotland does originally reside in his Sacred Majesty, His lawful Heirs and Successors: And though His Majesty and his Royal Predecessors have bestowed Offices and Jurisdictions upon several of his well deserving Subjects, yet these are not privative of his Jurisdiction. They do therefore in a dutiful and humble Recognizance of his Majesties Royal Right and Prerogative as to this point, Declare, That notwithstanding of those Jurisdictions and Offices, His Sacred Majesty may by himself, or any Commissioned by him, take Cognizance and Decision of any Cases or Causes He pleases.

Brussel, Oct. 7. There are several Letters from Francfort and other places, which give an account of the Surrender of the City of Strasburg to the French, without the least formality of a Siege, farther than the inviting it by the French

Troops. On Sunday last the Dutch Ambassador in France past through this City on his way to the Hague. There seems at present not any likelihood of an Accommodation between the Elector of Cologne and the City of Liège.

Hague, Oct. 7. You will easily believe, that we are extremely surprized to hear that the French have made themselves Masters of the City of Strasburg, which made not any resistance, but upon the first appearance of the French Troops, opened their Gates and received a Garrison. We may well expect that the Princes of Germany will be mightily alarmed, and we must expect to see what measures they will take for their common safety and preservation.

Paris, Oct. 8. The City of Strasburg is now in of the hands of the French, having received a Garrison, as we told you in our last, without any opposition; the King received the news of it at Vitry le François, and thereupon, as we are informed, stopt his Journey, resolving to stay there in expectation of the Queen and the Dauphiness. What the Kings farther Design is, a few days will inform us; in the mean time there are several conjectures, but these being altogether uncertain, are not worth the mentioning. It is not doubted, but the Treaty between the King and the Duke of Mantua is by this time executed; By it his Majesty obliged himself to pay that Duke two Millions of Livres (which he has already received) and 100000 Livres yearly during his Life; and on the other side the Duke of Mantua promised to put the Citadel and Castle of Casal immediately into the Kings Possession, and yields to him the Town of Casal, and the whole Duchy of Monferrat, after his death; the said Duke being to enjoy all the Honors, Rights and Revenues thereof during his Life. There is much discourse of the Kings return to Court.

Newmarket, Sept. 28. His Majesty being extremely pleased with those Loyal Expressions of Duty, which the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge made in the name of himself and that University, when he waited on him at Newmarket to that purpose, besides what his Majesty then Declared (which was much more than was mentioned in our late account of it) as a further testimony of his Princely Favour to that Loyal Body, was pleased on the same day to Declare His intencion to Honor the University with His Own and the Queens Presence, which he signified to Dr. Gower the Vice-Chancellor, with express Command to the said Vice-Chancellor, so to order His Reception, that what he intended for a Favour and Kindness, should not prove a burden to the University; and on Tuesday the 27th Instant, their Majesties accordingly set forth from hence, attended with the whole Court, and about two miles from Cambridge, were met by Sir Thomas Slater, High Sheriff of the County with his Men in their Liveries; and some way out of Town, by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Scaries, together with the Common Council, and all the Gown-men of that Corporation to the number of about fourscore. After the Mayor had ended his Speech, surrendered his Mace, and received it again, he carried it before the Kings Coach into the Town; at the very Entrance whereof, the Scholars were placed; First, the Under-Graduates, then the Bachelors of Arts, all in their Gowns, and Habits suitable to their Standing, in one continued rank from that place to the Schools, and all the way as their Majesties passed along, the Scholars on their knees fill'd the air with their loud Acclamations, of Vivat Rex, Vivat Regina; The Townsmen at the same time contending to express their good wishes as heartily in English. When their Majesties were come into the Schools, they found the Regent-walk crowded on both sides with Regents, non-Regents, and Bachelors of Divinity, through whose joyful applauses they walked